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Good Afternoon distinguished Senators and Representatives,

My name is Bruce Biel and I am a surety bail bondsman here in the State of CT.
I am here to read the following testimony in proxy for Andrew Bloom who is out of the state right now at the Professional Bail Agents of The United States (PBUS) annual trade convention.

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Good Afternoon Chairman Crisco, Chairman Fontana, and members of the Committee,

My name is Andrew Bloom. I am a licensed surety bail bondsman, bail enforcement agent, and one of the owners of 3-D Bail Bonds, Inc. which employs about 18 people.
I am also one of the owners of DADs Bail Bonds, LLC representing over \$80,000,000 a year in bail written, a member of PBUS, and a founding board member of the Bail Agents of Connecticut Association.

As many of you may know, I have been here to testify for many years in support of bail reform. I would now like the opportunity to demonstrate my **support of Raised House Bill 5147**.

First and foremost, I would like to recognize the recent efforts of Commissioner Sullivan in enforcing some of the currant regulations. Some of the actions of the Department have been severe, and some perhaps, not severe enough. There needs to be more continuity to the enforcement of the regulations.

House Bill 5147 offers many good ways to do that. There are many things in this bill that have been hashed over for several years. The work that has been put into this bill is the result of long hours put in by state employees as well as private sector contributors.

Although there are a few minor language tweaks I would like to see, overall it has much to offer. I would like to keep working with everyone to keep this bill moving and offer my continued input towards any future activity with bail legislation.

Let's get it done.

Thank you,

Andrew Bloom